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1. Measures are now being taken for the suppression of the "Patriot Guards" who until very recently (early 54) constituted a special Communist Army under the command of General Emil Bodnaraş. This force will be replaced by a large organization, which is to be called the "Army of the Ministry of the Interior." It is now being planned. It will, presumably, correspond to the Soviet MVD (Ministry of Internal Affairs) troops. It will really be the second force under the control of the Interior Ministry, since one already exists.

2. The Interior Ministry's new troops will include:

    a. Security troops
    b. Militia troops
    c. Police formations
    d. Gendarmerie, and perhaps also
    e. Frontier Guards (though the inclusion of these last is not yet certain.)

3. This second army of the Interior Ministry's will be, for all practical purposes, the Rumanian Communist Army, as compared with the Regular Army. The latter is to be gradually purged, until it is relatively slight and almost totally reduced.

4. It begins to look as if General Emil Bodnaraş will gradually decline in importance and become a second-rate figure, as the new organization develops, and his own dwindles. This is not, as yet, wholly certain. All developments in this matter will be promptly reported.

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